

REMARKS

This Application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed July 30, 2003. In order to advance prosecution of this Application, Claims 2 and 12 have been amended. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and favorable action in this Application.

The drawings stand objected to for various informalities. The specification has been amended to address the informalities identified by the Examiner. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that the drawings are in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.84.

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The disclosure stands objected to under 37 C.F.R. §1.58(a) for containing illustrations. The specification has been amended to remove the illustrations at pages 90-99 and place the illustrations in the drawings. New drawing sheets are attached herewith which show the illustrations previously provided at pages 90-99 of the specification. The illustrations at pages 79-80 of the specification were removed in the previous response.

Claims 2-12 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101 as being directed to non-statutory subject matter. Claim 2 shows a concrete and tangible result in the technological arts through the generation of a graphical representation of the overall architecture for the business and the generation of a plan for implementation and deployment of information technology among the manageable entities within the graphical representation of the overall architecture. Claim 12 shows a concrete and tangible result within the technological arts through code generation of an overall architecture for the business and

code generation of a plan for implementation and deployment of information technology among manageable entities of the business. Thus, Claim 12 is not directed to a disembodied storage device as coined by the Examiner since a plan for implementation and deployment of information technology is generated from data associated with the manageable entities of the business. The practical application of the claimed invention is the ability to develop an overall architecture for a business that takes into account the information technology needs of the business according to the manageable entities within the business in order to determine how information technology is to be deployed among the manageable entities of the business. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits that Claims 2-12 are in accordance with 35 U.S.C. §101.

Applicant has now made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicant respectfully requests full allowance of Claims 2-12.

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